IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent No. 7,856,779) Title: method of manufacturing a
) MOLDED DOOR SKIN FROM A FLAT
) WOOD COMPOSITE, DOOR SKIN
Serial No. 09/985,673) PRODUCED THEREFROM, AND
) DOOR MANUFACTURED THEREWITH
Filed: November 4, 2001) Inventor: Hartley Moyes)
Issue Date: December 28, 2011) Attorney Docket No: 6240.241

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REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 254 OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 255

Dear Commissioner:

A Certificate of Correction is requested pursuant to 35 U.SC. § 254 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.322 for the above-identified patent (herein after the '779 patent) due to a mistake incurred through the fault of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO").

In the event that the PTO disagrees and finds the error to be due to Applicant's mistake, then the Certificate of Correction is requested pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 255 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.323. In such event, the PTO is authorized to charge the 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(a) fee to the undersigned's Deposit Account 50-0548.

The desired correction is indicated in the attached Certificate of Correction Form, PTO/SB/44.

Remarks begin on page 2.

REMARKS

A Certificate of Correction is requested by The Masonite Corporation, assignee of the '779 patent, through its undersigned representative. As indicated in form PTO/SB/44 submitted herewith, the request is directed to an omission on the front page of the '779 patent and first paragraph of the specification, which should show the priority claims to parent application 09/229,897, now U.S. Patent No. 6,312,540 (herein after the '540 patent), and to foreign application UK 9816534, filed on July 29, 1998 to which the '540 patent and the '779 patent claim priority. It is respectfully submitted that the priority claim was properly made when the application for the '779 patent was filed on November 5, 2001.

When the application was filed on November 5, 2001, PTO regulations provided that an application could claim priority to a prior filed, co-pending U.S. application under 35 U.S.C. § 120 by including a reference to the earlier filed application. Reference to the earlier application could be included in an Application Data Sheet (ADS) or in the first sentence(s) of the specification following the title. 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(iii). On November 5, 2001, there were no specific requirements for the title or headings of an ADS. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.76 effective September 8, 2000, 65 FR 54604-01. An ADS was only required to be "a sheet or sheets, that may be voluntarily submitted in either provisional or nonprovisional applications, which contains bibliographic data, arranged in a format specified by the Office." *Id.* The bibliographic data requirements were:

- (b) Bibliographic data. Bibliographic data as used in paragraph (a) of this section includes:
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- (3) Application information. This information includes the title of the invention, a suggested classification, by class and subclass, the Technology Center to which the subject matter of the invention is assigned, the total number of drawing sheets, a suggested drawing figure for publication (in a nonprovisional application), any docket number assigned to the application, the type of application (e.g., utility, plant, design, reissue, provisional), whether the application discloses any significant part of the subject matter of an application under a secrecy order pursuant to § 5.2 of this chapter (see § 5.2(c)), and, for plant applications, the Latin name of the genus and species of the plant claimed, as well as the variety denomination. The suggested classification and Technology Center information should be supplied for provisional applications whether or not claims are present. If claims are not present in a provisional application, the suggested classification and Technology Center should be based upon the disclosure.
- (4) Representative information. This information includes the registration number of each practitioner having a power of attorney or authorization of agent in the application (preferably by reference to a customer number). Providing this information in the application data sheet does not constitute a power of attorney or authorization of agent in the application (see § 1.34(b)).
- (5) Domestic priority information. This information includes the application number, the filing date, the status (including patent number if available), and relationship of each application for which a benefit is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(e), 120, 121, or 365(c). Providing this information in the application data sheet constitutes the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or 120, and § 1.78(a)(2) or § 1.78(a)(4), and need not otherwise be made part of the specification.
- (6) Foreign priority information. This information includes the application number, country, and filing date of each foreign application for which priority is claimed, as well as any foreign application having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed. Providing this information in the application data sheet constitutes the claim for priority as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b) and § 1.55(a).

Id. 37 C.F.R. § 1.76 was further modified effective September 20, 2000 to require inclusion of assignee information in the bibliographic data. 65 FR 57024-01.

The application papers, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A, filed for the '779 patent on November 5, 2001, taken together, satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.76 as of the filing date. The application papers therefore constitute a valid ADS which properly claimed priority to application No. 09/229,897 and foreign application UK 9816534.

It is respectfully submitted that the PTO recognized the Section 119 and 120 prior claims at the time of filing. The Official Filing Receipt, attached hereto as Appendix B, dated January 16, 2002 identifies priority as follows:

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In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the priority claims were properly made in the ADS submitted with the application papers of the '779 patent on November 5, 2001 and acknowledged by the PTO in the filing receipt. It is respectfully submitted that the priority data is clearly disclosed in the records of the Patent Office and that the omission of the priority data from the front page of the '779 patent is solely due to error on the part of the PTO. A Certificate of Correction is therefore requested to correct this omission.

In the event that the PTO should disagree and find that the error was caused by the applicant, this Request is made in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 255 and the PTO

is authorized to charge the Section 1.20(a) fee to the undersigned's Deposit Account 50-0548.

If any other fees are required in connection with the filing of this request, please charge the same to Deposit Account 50-0548.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A



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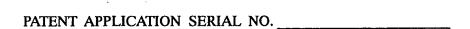


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